

**Memorandum on Narcotics
Producing and Transit Countries**

March 1, 1996

Presidential Determination No. 96-13

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Certification for Major Narcotics
Producing and Transit Countries

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, ("the Act"), I hereby determine and certify that the following major drug producing and/or major drug transit countries/territories have co-operated fully with the United States, or taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances:

The Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(B) of the Act, I hereby determine that it is in the vital national interests of the United States to certify the following countries:

Lebanon, Pakistan, and Paraguay.

Information on these countries, as required under section 490(b)(3) of the Act, is attached.

I have determined that the following major producing and/or major transit countries do not meet the standards set forth in section 490(b):

Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Iran, Nigeria, and Syria.

I have made these determinations, taking into account the factors set forth in section 490 of the Act and based on the information contained in the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report of 1996. Because the performance of these countries varies, I have attached an explanatory statement in each case.

You are hereby authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress im-

mediately and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

**Message on the Observance of Saint
Patrick's Day, 1996**

March 1, 1996

Warmest greetings to everyone celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.

On this feast day of the patron saint of Ireland, we remember with gratitude the gifts of the Irish people. For generations, the sons and daughters of Ireland have come to America seeking a new life and a new freedom, bringing with them a deep faith in God, a profound love of liberty, and a determination to help shape the American Dream.

As soldiers and scholars, poets and Presidents, Irish Americans have enriched every facet of American society. Today we honor their many accomplishments, their vital contributions in building the cities, industries, and culture of America, and the long friendship and close ties between the United States and Ireland.

Like millions of Americans, I rejoice in my Irish heritage; and like millions of Americans, I pray for lasting peace in the land of our ancestors. We must not permit the process of reconciliation in Northern Ireland to be destroyed by those who are blinded by the hatreds of the past. As we pay tribute to Saint Patrick's enduring message of faith and courage, I salute the people of Ireland for their devotion to defeating the enemies of peace. In this age of hope and possibility, I am confident that their steadfast efforts will be rewarded with lasting tranquility and the blessings of a bright future.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday.

Bill Clinton

**Statement on the Food and Drug
Administration Approval of an
HIV/AIDS Drug**

March 1, 1996

Our national investment in AIDS research is paying off. Among scientists, as among many people living with HIV, despair is giv-

ing way to hope. We cannot stop now. We must recommit ourselves to finding a cure.

NOTE: The statement referred to the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the second protease inhibitor to treat HIV/AIDS.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 24

In the morning, the President traveled from Santa Monica to Long Beach, CA. In the afternoon, he traveled from Los Alamitos, CA, to Seattle, WA, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on worker retraining at Shoreline Community College. In the evening, the President departed for Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

February 26

In the morning, the President met in the Oval Office with Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, Director-Designate of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his intention to appoint John C. Culver, William H. Mauk, Jr., and Jane Slate Siena to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel to the Commission of Fine Arts.

February 27

The President announced his intention to nominate David J. Barram as Administrator of the General Services Administration.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton attended a performance of "Les Miserables" at the National Theatre.

February 28

In the morning, the President met in the Oval Office with Amir Jabir al-Ahmad al-Jabir Al Sabah of Kuwait. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sonia Perez as a member of the Advisory Council of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission.

March 1

In the afternoon, the President met in the Oval Office with the Commission on Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence Community to receive its report.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton went to Camp David, MD.

The President appointed Linda Jane Zack Tarr-Whelan as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

February 26

Christopher M. Coburn, of Ohio, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Enrichment Corporation for a term expiring February 24, 2000, vice Greta Joy Dicus.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 23¹

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific

¹ This release was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.